

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01279-TJK**

LEOPOLD et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al
Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/02/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/02/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6097965) filed by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/03/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zef,) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (11) Issued Electronically as to DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef,) (Entered: 05/03/2019)

06/10/2019	<u>3</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Answer or Otherwise Respond to the Complaint</i> by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendants' <u>3</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Defendants' motion is GRANTED. Defendants shall answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' <u>1</u> Complaint no later than July 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/10/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/15/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>13</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/15/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/14/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>14</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 5/15/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
07/15/2019	<u>15</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A-1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A-2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B-1, # <u>4</u> Exhibit B-2, # <u>5</u> Exhibit C, # <u>6</u> Exhibit D, # <u>7</u> Exhibit E, # <u>8</u> Exhibit F, # <u>9</u> Exhibit G, # <u>10</u> Exhibit H, # <u>11</u> Exhibit I, # <u>12</u> Exhibit

		J, # <u>13</u> Exhibit K, # <u>14</u> Exhibit L, # <u>15</u> Exhibit M, # <u>16</u> Exhibit N, # <u>17</u> Exhibit O, # <u>18</u> Exhibit P, # <u>19</u> Exhibit Q, # <u>20</u> Exhibit R, # <u>21</u> Exhibit S, # <u>22</u> Exhibit T, # <u>23</u> Exhibit U, # <u>24</u> Exhibit V, # <u>25</u> Exhibit W, # <u>26</u> Exhibit X, # <u>27</u> Exhibit Y, # <u>28</u> Exhibit Z, # <u>29</u> Exhibit AA, # <u>30</u> Exhibit BB, # <u>31</u> Exhibit CC, # <u>32</u> Exhibit DD, # <u>33</u> Exhibit EE, # <u>34</u> Exhibit FF, # <u>35</u> Exhibit GG, # <u>36</u> Exhibit HH, # <u>37</u> Exhibit II, # <u>38</u> Exhibit JJ, # <u>39</u> Exhibit KK, # <u>40</u> Exhibit LL, # <u>41</u> Exhibit MM, # <u>42</u> Exhibit NN, # <u>43</u> Exhibit OO, # <u>44</u> Exhibit PP, # <u>45</u> Exhibit QQ, # <u>46</u> Exhibit RR, # <u>47</u> Exhibit SS, # <u>48</u> Exhibit TT, # <u>49</u> Exhibit UU, # <u>50</u> Exhibit VV, # <u>51</u> Exhibit WW, # <u>52</u> Exhibit XX, # <u>53</u> Exhibit YY, # <u>54</u> Exhibit ZZ, # <u>55</u> Exhibit AAA, # <u>56</u> Exhibit BBB, # <u>57</u> Exhibit CCC, # <u>58</u> Exhibit DDD, # <u>59</u> Exhibit EEE)(Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
07/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure no later than August 5, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 7/16/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 07/16/2019)
08/05/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>on Behalf of the Parties</i> by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report, including, if necessary, a proposed briefing schedule, no later than October 16, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/5/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>17</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
10/16/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>on behalf of the Parties</i> by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. (Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report, including, if necessary, a proposed briefing schedule, no later than December 20, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 10/17/19. (lctjk2) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
12/17/2019	<u>19</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, DOJ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 12/17/2019)
12/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendants' <u>19</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Defendants' <u>19</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report is GRANTED. The parties shall file their joint status report no later than December 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/17/19. (lctjk2) (Entered: 12/17/2019)
12/23/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>on behalf of the Parties</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 12/23/2019)
01/02/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report, including, if necessary, a proposed briefing schedule, no later than March 31, 2020. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 1/2/20. (lctjk2) (Entered: 01/02/2020)
03/31/2020	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>on Behalf of the Parties</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 03/31/2020)

03/31/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report, including, if necessary, a proposed briefing schedule, no later than June 30, 2020. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/31/20. (lctjk2) (Entered: 03/31/2020)
06/30/2020	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>on behalf of the Parties</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kossak, Jonathan) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/01/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report, including, if necessary, a proposed briefing schedule, no later than September 10, 2020. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 7/1/20. (lctjk2) (Entered: 07/01/2020)